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May 10, 2004

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
H-232 The Capitol Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On January 7, 2004, the New Hampshire House of Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution 17, urging the posthumous promotion of Colonel Edward Ephraim Cross to brigadier general.

On April 1, 2004, the New Hampshire Senate passed the same resolution.

Enclosed is a copy of that House Concurrent Resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen O. Wadsworth".

Karen O. Wadsworth  
Clerk of the House

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2004 SESSION

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 17

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brigadier general.

Whereas, Colonel Edward Ephraim Cross, a native of Lancaster, New Hampshire, was named a colonel by the governor of New Hampshire in 1861 at the outbreak of the Civil War and was given command of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers; and

Whereas, Colonel Cross valiantly led his regiment through many battles of the Civil War, including the battles of Fair Oaks, Glendale, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg, and was wounded several times; and

Whereas, prior to Colonel Cross's untimely death after suffering a wound by a sniper at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863, he was informed by his division commander, Major General Winfield Scott Hancock, that he was to be promoted to brigadier general; and

Whereas, a number of Civil War historians and enthusiasts have over the years made requests of New Hampshire's governor and congressional delegation that Colonel Cross be promoted to brigadier general or brevet brigadier general; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the New Hampshire general court finds that Colonel Cross's record of conduct, performance, and devotion to duty reflect his allegiance to the highest standards of the military profession and that, if not for his untimely death at Gettysburg, Colonel Cross would have received a promotion to brigadier general; and

That the New Hampshire general court urges the governor and the federal government to take the procedural steps necessary to posthumously promote New Hampshire native Colonel Edward Ephraim Cross to the rank of brigadier general; and

That copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to the governor, the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the New Hampshire Congressional delegation.

*Approved: April 1, 2004*